

The A. P. of L. Weekly News Service gives a brief summary of important matters of interest to the laboring community in the legislative, judicial and fiscal, and such other information that will benefit the trade union movement.

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WILLIAM GREEN, President.

Maintain Living Standards

America will be in no position to claim victory over the depression unless it is able to maintain the living standards of the unemployed and other groups. The present economic situation has put the country's advanced standards to a severe test. Dr. Vincent said: "We have found this is the best and the most important in the world. "If these standards are to be maintained, we must maintain the social advantages we have won. We must maintain the standards to which we have devoted so much of our best thinking."

Underlier Sees Millions Ahead

Frank A. Vanderlip, international banker, in an interview with the New York Evening Post, said that the end of the present business depression will have to be the "hardest opportunity for making money that there have been since America's boom."

PREVAILING WAGE RATE LAW RAKE-OFF PROBED

U. S. Labor Department Investigates Charges That Contractors Nullify Purpose of Act.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The U. S. Department of Labor has initiated a campaign to investigate charges that contractors are forcing "phantom" wage increases on the government by nullifying the purpose of the prevailing wage law by compelling their employees to work for less than the rate set by the law.

Senator Wheeler of Montana has introduced a bill to amend the act, calling for a congressional investigation into alleged evasion of the law.

Senator Wheeler said the Labor Department has started the investigation following his announcement that he has received information that several contractors are nullifying the law.

The Bureau's director, Hugh L. Keen, said numerous protests have been made by the department in the past few months throughout the country that have been ignored.

It was explained that in all cases the contractors on Government jobs by the Federal Government are required to pay the prevailing wage rate.

Senator Wheeler referred to the act as the "phantom wage law," which, he said, was nullified by the contractors.

"I have conferred with the department officials and they are taking steps to enforce the law," he said.

The act is part of the Government's national building program, Senator Wheeler said.

Under the act, the Government is required to pay the prevailing wage rate to workers on Government jobs.

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JOBLESS RESERVES SUGGESTED FOR IDLE

Senator Herbert Outlines Job Insurance Plan to Relieve Unemployment

IGNORES RIGHT TO WORK

Labor's Demand Is to End Unemployment by Shorter Work Day and Work Week

New York, Dec. 26.—A "partial solution" of the unemployment problem is suggested by Senator Herbert Hoover in an address before the National Republican Club.

Senator Hoover is chairman of the U. S. Senate Select Committee which has been studying unemployment.

Without expressing either his own views or the views of the members of the committee, Senator Hoover said that the unemployment problem is a complex one.

State Labor Commission Reports. Legislation by the several States requiring the registration of employers against unemployment has been introduced.

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SENATE DEMANDS SECRET PAPERS IN MOONEY CASE

Requests Hoover to Surrender the Wickham Commission Documents Withheld from the Public.

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WHITNEY ASKS SIX-HOUR DAY, Five-Day Week, for Rail Workers

Cleveland, Dec. 26.—W. A. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, has declared he will force the railroad presidents to adopt the six-hour day and five-day week.

SHORTER HOURS IMPERATIVE

In spite of America's troubles, the labor leader said, it is imperative that the railroad workers be given shorter hours.

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RAILROAD PRESIDENTS DEMAND 15% WAGE CUT

Reduction Would Transfer \$300,000,000 Yearly from Railroad Employers to Railroad Workers.

PUBLIC WORKS PLAN HELD INEFFECTIVE

Committee of President's Organization Opposes Federal Bond Issues—Private Local Charity Should Relieve Distress.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The Inauguration of the Federal Public Works program, which was expected to provide relief for the unemployed, has been held ineffective by the Federal Public Works Committee.

The committee, which is headed by Senator Charles McNary, has issued a report to the President, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The report pointed out that the Federal Public Works program is not providing the relief that was expected.

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CONDEMN IDLE INSURANCE

National Unemployment Insurance was condemned by the National Unemployment Insurance Committee.

COMFORT FOR THE JOBLESS

Chicago, Dec. 26.—An income of \$15,000 a month from the \$40,000,000 State of Illinois bonds, which were sold by the State of Illinois, will be used to provide comfort for the jobless.